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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003, the time for responding having
been extended by petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this document.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this document.